



Journey to the Land of the Sweets: A Nutcracker Tale 2025 Info Sheet & Preliminary Schedule

Dancer Requirements

Dancers must be at least 7 years old and entering 2nd grade for the 2025-26 school year.

All dancers must be enrolled in at least one weekly ballet technique class. **Dancers from all local studios are welcome!**

Dancers who take pointe and would like to be considered for pointe-specific roles must take at least two pointe classes per week.

Audition Dates: June 16th/17th and June 23rd/24th

Dancers will choose *one day* to audition and must pre-register via the link on our website. **Audition sign-ups will open April 1, 2025.**

Beginner and intermediate dancer auditions will be held on Monday June 16th and Monday June 23rd.

Advanced level and pointe auditions will be Tuesday June 17th and Tuesday June 24th.

Auditions will be at Silver Spring Dance, 3730 Marietta Ave Columbia, PA 17512.

If a dancer would like to participate but is unable to attend auditions please email thelandofthesweets@gmail.com for additional audition options.

Rehearsal Requirements

We will have TWO required Nutcracker Bootcamps over the summer, one for our Level C Dancers and one for our Level B Dancers. Bootcamps will include daily technique classes, rehearsals, and professional coaching from LOTS director, Katie Reiter. Bootcamp tuition will be \$50/dancer.

- Level C/Advanced/Pointe (Party Scene, Snow, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Marzipan, Flowers, Sugarplum): July 7th-11th, 10:00am-2:30pm
- Level B/Intermediate (Party Scene, Candy Canes, Ribbon Candy): July 14th-18th, 10:00am-1:30pm
- If a dancer will be absent for any part of our Nutcracker Bootcamps, staff must be notified ahead of time via the audition signup form.



Weekly summer rehearsals for Level B and C dancers will be on **Thursdays from 10:00- 1:00 for Level C and 1:30-3:00 for Level B.**

Level A/Beginner dancers (Angels, Gingerbread, Gumdrops, Party Scene) will start their rehearsals in September.

Weekly fall rehearsals will alternate between Saturdays and Sundays. These rehearsals will begin in early September after Labor Day. (tentative start date- 9/6)

Full company rehearsals (alternating between Saturdays and Sundays) will begin in November and run through our show weekend. (No rehearsals the weekend after Thanksgiving)

Attendance at weekly rehearsals is mandatory.

Each dancer will be allowed three absences during the course of the rehearsal process. More than three absences will result in removal from all or part of the production.

Tentative Performance Schedule (Hempfield High School Performing Arts Center)

Thursday December 18th- Full Dress Rehearsal

Friday December 19th- Evening Performance (6pm)

Saturday December 20th- Morning Sensory Friendly Performance (11am)

Saturday December 20th- Evening Performance (6pm)

Sunday December 21st- Matinee Performance (2pm)